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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2004, which had a shortened statutory period to reply that ended on December 8, 2004. Enclosed is a petition to extend the period to reply by one month to January 10, 2005.